

# Indian River County Florida

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## **Solid Waste Disposal District Meeting Minutes - Draft**

**Wednesday, July 14, 2021**

**2021/2022 SWDD Budget Workshop**

**Commission Chambers**

### **Board of Commissioners**

*Chairman, Joseph E. Flescher, District 2  
Vice Chairman, Peter D. O'Bryan, District 4  
Commissioner Susan Adams, District 1  
Commissioner Joseph H. Earman, District 3  
Commissioner Laura Moss, District 5*

**Jason E. Brown, County Administrator  
Dylan Reingold, County Attorney  
Jeffrey R. Smith, Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller  
Jacqueline Rizzo, Deputy Clerk**

**1:30 P.M. (PUBLIC HEARING) SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL DISTRICT (S.W.D.D.)**

**411-217 SANITARY LANDFILL**

**411-255 RECYCLING**

PROOF OF PUBLICATION OF ADVERTISEMENT FOR HEARING IS ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK TO THE BOARD.

*The Board of County Commissioners reconvened as the Board of Commissioners of the Solid Waste Disposal District. The minutes will be approved at an upcoming Solid Waste Disposal District meeting.*

**21-0683**

**Attachments:** [SWDD](#)

Management and Budget Director Kristin Daniels announced the Solid Waste Disposal District (SWDD) proposed total budget for the Landfill is \$11,069,415, an increase of \$2,122,067. The landfill increase was due to the implementation of the new Leachate Treatment project for 1.1 million dollars, a new automatic scale house, deferred capital maintenance in the amount of \$400,000, and the Consumer Price Indexing (CPI) adjustment increases in the Atlas Organics, Waste Management, and Republic Services contracts. She stated the Recycling proposed total budget is \$9,512,357, an increase of \$64,038 for the addition of a recycling specialist, and deferred capital maintenance expenses.

Budget Director Daniels concluded the total proposed budget for the Solid Waste Disposal District is \$19,375,997, an increase of \$980,330 and reviewed the proposed assessment rates for the Residential E.R.U, Commercial W.G.U., and Readiness-to-use fee.

Chairman Flescher brought up the challenges in recycling and questioned whether there were appropriate funds for the upcoming changes to the recycling process. In response to the Chairman's question, Managing Director of the Solid Waste Disposal District Himanshu Mehta agreed that there were challenges with the recycling program, but the County was headed in the right direction. He indicated that only three (3) counties out of sixty-seven (67) Counties had met the 75% recycling goal and the Department of Environmental Protection was looking at what the counties could do across the state to improve the recycling programs. He mentioned that the County was in the process of designing and building a new recycling transfer facility, noting that it was in the final stages of design. He thanked Sue Flak, Recycling Education and Marketing Coordinator, for her increased efforts in the community to educate the residents on the recycling program.

Commissioner Earman commented that he did not realize how involved it was for the County to supply water and sewer, and to operate a landfill. He wanted to make sure there was appropriate funding for these services, noting that government must provide for the health and safety of its citizens.

Commissioner Adams relayed her support of increasing the user fees in order to create better technology and efficiency at the landfill, and being more environmentally friendly with sustainable programs for waste and recycling.

Chairman Flescher opened the public hearing for comments; there were none. He closed the public hearing.

***The Board of Commissioners of the Solid Waste Disposal District adjourned the meeting and reconvened as the Board of County Commissioners of the Budget Workshop meeting, continuing with the Miscellaneous Funds Budget.***